



NABI
NATIVE AMERICAN BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

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NABI Basketball

Native American athletes are among the most talented athletes in the world, with a passion for the game of basketball that goes back many generations, but with some reservations being desolate and isolated, our youth are not presented the same opportunities to shine and use their talent to secure college athletic scholarships. Through NABI (Native American Basketball Invitational) tournament, Native American high school athletes are showcased in the largest all Native American basketball tournament in North America and taught skills in our educational workshops that inspire them to succeed and strive for higher education.

Since 2003, NABI Basketball, in partnership with the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury, has served over 10,000 youth, created scholarship opportunities for over 50 youth, succeeded in having one of our athletes go pro and through our NABI College Scholarship Fund, has awarded over \$75,000 in financial aid to our NABI athletes who go on to pursue higher education.

In 2007, NABI urged the NCAA to change their “same state” rule to respect tribal sovereignty. NABI Foundation succeeded with their request and the NCAA changed their governing rules that allow all Tribal tournaments exemption from the NCAA “same state” rule, thus making NABI the first all Native American basketball tournament certified by the NCAA. NABI Basketball continues to be known for attracting college scouts from all over the U.S.

In conjunction with the tournament, the NABI Foundation hosts one of the largest “College & Career Fairs” bringing educational and career minded organizations to provide our youth with the many possibilities awaiting them.

The tournament continues to draw the support of Nike and in its effort to bring national attention to Native American high school athletes has been featured in numerous national media outlets such as: Sports Illustrated, ESPN Magazine, USA Today, New York Times and many more!

Program Objectives

- Advance and increase the number of Native American Athletes in college and pro-sports
- Use sports as a tool to inspire higher education in Native American high school athletes
- Showcase Native American athletes at a five day national tournament
 - o Educational Workshops that teach life skills and inspire
 - o College and Career Fair
 - o Championship Games played at the home of the Phoenix Suns and Phoenix Mercury
- Grant financial aid and create college scholarship opportunities to NABI athletes to pursue higher education

THE NABI FOUNDATION...MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES WHERE NATIVE AMERICAN

YOUTH LIVE, PLAY AND DREAM!